

CONNECTION (Attorney's Docket No. HAYES-2 PROV). The three above-identified patent applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference. --

Remarks

As noted in the accompanying REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION, this is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/909,923, filed 07/20/2001 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for MODULAR FEMORAL STEM COMPONENT FOR A HIP JOINT PROSTHESIS which in turn claims benefit of (1) prior U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/219,955, filed 07/20/00 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for MODULAR ORTHOPEDIC CONNECTION (Attorney's Docket No. HAYES-1 PROV); and (2) prior U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/219,963, filed 07/20/00 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for FORCE COUPLE CONNECTION (Attorney's Docket No. HAYES-2 PROV). The above amendment is intended to make this fact of record in the specification of this continuation application.

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